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FIELD ACTIVITY

Water Supply (Fran Burns)

- The delivery of water continues.

Water Sampling (Fran Burns)

- No homes were sampled today. No additional homes have been scheduled for sampling.

COMMUNICATIONS (Fran Burns, Jennie Saxe)

- Data packages have been distributed to the first eleven (11) homes. Yesterday, EPA visited two of the 11 homes to discuss their data. Today, the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) and the Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) visited one home to discuss their results. ATSDR, the OSC and the CIC have scheduled five homes for visits next week. Three homes have not responded to EPA's offer for a visit. The Site Team continues to finalize other data packages in preparation for roll-out over the next several weeks.
- The Pennsylvania Liaison (Jennie Saxe) received a request from Congressman Marino's office for the data from the first week of sampling in Dimock. When it was shared that the data would be redacted (names and addresses removed), staff requested that the data be provided intact (without redactions). It was explained to staff that we could provide what we would provide under FOIA. Staff seemed to understand, but stated the need for some mechanism to cross-reference results at locations where split samples were taken.
- Congressman Marino's staff also had questions about 1) whether or not the information would be shared with the public and 2) if water deliveries would be discontinued since no health concerns were found. It was explained that we would like to have 2 rounds of data of certain quality before making decisions on stopping water. Concern was expressed that it was costing taxpayers to continue the deliveries when no health concern was found. It was explained that we would like to have a sense of temporal variations before making a decision on possibly stopping water deliveries.
- Congressman Marino's staff would like to convene a call in the coming week or two with EPA and PADEP to discuss what each agency is seeing in the data. It was explained that EPA was in the process of preparing the data for sharing with the Commonwealth and that additional data would be available in the coming weeks. The Congressman's staff would like the call to include Secretary Krancer, Deputy Secretary Perry, and the Congressman for a portion of the call to address both agencies.

LEGAL ISSUES (Humane Zia)

- The Office of Regional Counsel (ORC) received calls from the resident's counsel (Tate Kunkle) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) requesting copies of the data being provided to the first 11 residents. Kunkle was advised that if the residents request EPA to send copies of their data to him, we will do so. As of this writing, five residents have requested that we send their data to Kunkle. ORC will email it to him. The NRDC was advised that their existing FOIA does not cover this sampling data. The NRDC indicated they will attempt to get this data from the residents or will consider submitting a new FOIA request.

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Please let us know if you have any questions or need more information.